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TITLE. Prohibited Activities for Personnel Assigned, Attached or Otherwise Under the Military Control of U.S. Army Japan (USARJ).

PURPOSE. This General Order identifies conduct that is prejudicial to good order and discipline and detrimental to the health and safety of all U.S. Army personnel within the USARJ area of responsibility.

AUTHORITY. 10 U.S.C. Chapter 47, Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), and Enclosure B

APPLICABILITY. **This General Order rescinds and supersedes the previous General Order Number One issued by this headquarters dated 31 July 2020 and becomes effective upon signature.** It applies to all individuals subject to military orders who are stationed, assigned, present in Japan and/or attached to the USARJ area of responsibility while in the country of Japan. **Changes from the 31 July 2020 General Order Number One (GO1) and this Order are highlighted in bold.** Military personnel who violate this order are subject to punishment under Article 92, UCMJ as a violation of a lawful general order. Failure to comply with this order by DoD civilian employees may result in administrative action and/or a determination that the employee has failed to adjust to the overseas environment. Violations by dependents may result in administrative sanctions, such as loss of command sponsorship, debarment, and an early return of dependents. Violations by contractors, or **Local Nationals Employees (LNE)** may result in administrative sanctions including loss of access to installation facilities. This order is intended to be temporary to address the Public Health Emergency (PHE) posed by Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) and will be periodically reviewed to ensure it remains relevant and necessary. Commanders will take appropriate action against persons who violate this order or fail to follow Restriction of Movement (ROM), Quarantine, or Isolation directives. Violations by non-military personnel without a designated military chain of command will be addressed by Commander, U.S. Army Garrison, Japan. **Requirements for reporting violations of this order are contained in paragraph four (4).**

1. STATEMENT OF MILITARY PURPOSE AND NECESSITY. Due to the spread of the COVID-19 disease, aggressive prevention and mitigation measures are necessary to reduce the transmission of the disease. Restrictions on certain activities are essential to preserving the health of Soldiers, Civilians, and Family Members/Dependents. In alignment with direction from the Department of Defense and Department of the Army, it is prudent to restrict certain activities in order to maintain good order and discipline, health and safety, and ensure optimum readiness of our force.

2. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES.

a. Restrictions on Travel for **Soldiers and Civilian Personnel.**

(1) Soldiers will comply with DoD/HQDA and command policies on restrictions on travel as well as applicable Host Nation rules regarding travel, whether for personal or official travel. **The term, "Soldier", as used in the order also includes all service branch personnel stationed, assigned, performing duty, or present, on a USARJ facility.**

(2) Off-Post Travel. Soldiers stationed at Camp Zama, Sagami General Depot, and Yokohama North Dock may travel within 150km of Camp Zama with the following exceptions: See Enclosure A (map). Transit through off limits areas in a non-public vehicle is permitted as long as the SOFA member does not make any stops. All leave and pass outside of 150km requires approval of the Commanding General, USARJ. These area restrictions are subject to change and adjustments will be reflected in FRAGOs issued by this headquarters. Soldiers stationed at locations other than Camp Zama, Sagami General Depot, and Yokohama North Dock will follow travel restrictions established by the first O-6 commander in their chain of command. The Commander, 10th Support Group, is authorized to modify this order, after coordination with the undersigned, to implement decisions made by the Okinawa Area Coordinating Council (OACC). All USARJ personnel are authorized to dine at on and off-post restaurants that are located within current authorized travel areas. Patrons will avoid overly crowded restaurants and stores not dine at counters where there is not a physical boundary separating customers. Patrons will limit their time to less than 90 minutes, use facemasks, and socially distance. Bars and night clubs remain off limits. USARJ personnel are allowed to participate in off post activities within the current authorized travel area. Patrons will limit their time to less than 90 minutes at any one establishment, use facemasks, and socially distance. All curfew and liberty policies in the USFJ and USARJ Liberty Policies remain in effect, including from 0100 to 0500 for all Soldiers E5 and below.

(3) Public Transportation, Official Travel, and Personal Leave. The use of public transportation (trains, taxis, subways, buses, ferries, and trams) is permitted for both personal and official travel with certain restrictions. Use of the Shinkansen (i.e. bullet train) is prohibited. Use of commercial air travel on mainland Japan (Honshu, Kyushu, Kyushu islands) is prohibited. Commercial air travel and use of ferries on Okinawa is regulated by the 10th Support Group Commander. Public transportation cannot be utilized between 0700-0900 and 1700-1900 on weekdays (rush hour), unless an ETP is approved. There are no time restrictions for the use of public transport on weekends. Any form of public transport at more than 50% capacity must be avoided. No individual can travel on public transportation through a restricted area (with the exception that commercial airport busses transporting personnel to Narita and Haneda airports for departure that do not stop in restricted areas may be utilized). Anyone who uses public transport must wear a facemask at all times and use disinfectant both before and after travel. No eating, or drinking, or

talking is permitted on public transportation except for health and safety reasons.

Use of the Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) Airport Limo Service is authorized for point to point PCS pick-up and departure and for official travel. Civilian personnel taking personal leave who require transportation to the airport may also utilize the Limo Service. All personnel who travel must plan for, and be prepared to, observe any ROM requirements their travel may necessitate. **An Exception To Policy (ETP) to go to a restricted area or travel outside of 150 km for official travel, which includes travel necessary to accomplish unit mission requirements, including use of public transportation for traveling to/from work, and other travel such as medical and dental requirements, may be approved by the first O-5/GS-14 level commander or Director, in a Soldier's or DoD Civilian's chain of command. Requests by dependents of uniformed personnel and DoD Civilians seeking an ETP will be processed and approved through the sponsor's chain of command.** Personnel not having an established military chain of command, including, contractors, private organizations, and personnel who are members of other DoD organizations such as Department of Defense Education Activity (DODEA), Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA), and any other organizations, and DoD dependents desiring to use public transportation for personal use, the Commander, USAG-J is the approval official. **All ETPs for non-official travel (personal leave or pass) requiring approval by the undersigned (travel outside of 150km, domestic air travel, etc), are to be processed through the chain of command, or through the Garrison commander if the person is not affiliated with a chain of command, to the undersigned.**

(4) Special Considerations for Civilian Personnel. Department of Defense Civilians, employees of DECA, DODEA, MWR, associated contractors, and SOFA status dependents are strongly encouraged to adhere to all travel limitations and hygiene requirements as well as the social distancing guidance. Failure to follow these limitations could result in the loss of installation access privileges, administrative sanctions, Early Return of Dependents and/or tour curtailment. Personnel living outside installation specific geographic boundaries are exempted from the geographic requirement but are required to adhere to the social distancing and hygiene protocols below.

(5) Travel to Other Military Installations: Military members, DoD Civilians, contractors, and dependents are prohibited from traveling to installations under Health Protection Measures Charlie or above unless an ETP applies, such as a medical emergency requiring a visit to an emergency room or a specialized medical care appointment, or an O-5/GS-14 level commander or Director for official duty travel. Additionally, Military members, DoD Civilians, contractors, and dependents at an installation that is under Health Protection Measures Charlie or above are not authorized to travel to an installation under Health Protection Measures Bravo and below unless an Exception to Policy in this order applies.

(6) Exceptions for Travel to Restricted Areas. Emergency situations involving possible loss of life, limb, or eyesight do not require prior approval to travel to a hospital.

b. Social Distancing.

(1) Gatherings and meetings are limited to 10 participants indoors and 25 participants outdoors. Social distancing and hygiene protocols will be observed.

(2) For official command or organizational events, such as a Change of Command, Change of Responsibility, official awards ceremony (not a Hail and Farwell function), or a mission essential meeting, an O-5/GS-14 level commander or Director can approve an ETP for up to 25 participants to gather indoors, and 50 participants outdoors. Larger gatherings require approval of the undersigned. For Soldiers living in the barracks, no more than four individuals are permitted in a barracks room at any time.

(3) All personnel will maintain a separation of two meters distance from all others, at all times, both indoors and outdoors. Family members or dependents who reside in the same household are exempted while interacting with other family members. All gatherings and meetings larger than 10 individuals require a contact trace log to be maintained by the host or facilitator. Personnel who host a private social gathering of any size shall maintain a guest log of all individuals who attend for more than 10 minutes.

(4) Daily Physical Readiness Training (PRT) remains mandatory for all Soldiers, mission dependent. PRT formations are limited to 10 individuals, outdoors only. The fitness center is for individual use only.

3. Hygiene Requirements and Movement Restrictions.

a. All personnel who exhibit COVID19 Symptoms (fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, congestion or runny nose) must inform medical personnel telephonically and their chain of command, director, organizational leader, or sponsor, telephonically, of their symptoms and follow medical instructions.

b. All personnel will wash their hands with soap and water for a minimum of 20 seconds, or use an alcohol based hand sanitizing gel, when entering common on-post areas such as the PX, Commissary, Mail Room, Barracks, etc.

c. Restriction of Movement. All personnel are required to adhere to the directives of medical personnel and Commanders regarding an Order into Quarantine or Isolation. Civilians and Family Members/Dependents are strongly encouraged to adhere to these directives and are required to adhere to applicable host nation law.

(1) Personnel under Investigation (PUI) and close contacts of a PUI will be placed in ROM or quarantine in designated on-post facilities or their off-post residence pending test results.

(2) Quarantined personnel must immediately inform their Chain of Command and/or medical personnel if they exhibit any medical symptoms.

(3) Personnel confirmed positive will be placed in isolation under Restriction of Movement in designated on-post facilities or their off-post residence for a period of no less than 14 days.

(4) All quarantined or isolated personnel must cooperate with the directives of the USAG-Japan Garrison Commander, his designees, and medical personnel, including any directives concerning the virus monitoring process.

(5) Personnel quarantined or isolated in on-post facilities will follow all directives concerning conduct within the facility, to include any limitations concerning contact with other quarantined or isolated personnel.

(6) All other personnel aside from those quarantined or isolated are prohibited from entering on-post quarantine or isolation facilities, except personnel assigned duties by order of the Garrison Commander or his designee.

d. Alcohol. Soldiers are prohibited from consuming alcohol within 8 hours before the start of the duty day as defined by the chain of command. O-5 level commanders have the discretion to determine limits on alcohol possession in the barracks.

e. Shelter in Place (SIP) Declaration. The USARJ Commander has developed a scalable Shelter in Place Plan to ensure the continued safety of the Army Community in Japan. In the event that a SIP directive is issued by the Commander all personnel will adhere to further restrictions on movement and activities on designated USARJ installations, to protect the health of the force and civilian members of the USARJ community.

4. INDIVIDUAL DUTY. Personnel subject to this General Order have the individual duty to know and understand the prohibitions stated in this order. They also have a duty to become familiar with and respect the laws and regulations of Japan regarding COVID-19 prevention.

5. Disposition of Violations and Reporting Requirements

a. **All violations of this order are to be reported. Under reporting continues to be a problem. Commanders are responsible for proper reporting. Dual reporting channels are required through command channels and commander-to-commander reporting as described below.**

b. **Command Channel Reporting.** Commanders, Directors, Organizational Leaders and other members of the community who learn of personnel violating GO#1, SIP, ROM, Quarantine, or Isolation directives are to ensure reporting of the incident by email to the USARJ Emergency Action Center (EAC) within twenty-four (24) hours at usarmy.zama.usarpac.mbx.command-center@mail.mil and to the USARJ Staff Judge

Advocate at usarmy.zama.usarpac.mbx.usarj-sja-recipients@mail.mil. The EAC and SJA will inform me expeditiously of all such incidents.

c. **Commander-to-Commander reporting.** Commanders at the O-5 and O-6 level who learn that a member of their organization violated this order will email me, and cc the SJA, LTC Elizabeth Allen at elizabeth.f.allen.mil@mail.mil concerning the details of the violation and a proposed course of action within twenty-four (24) hours of learning of the violation. The USAG-J Commander is the designated reporting commander for personnel not affiliated with a chain of command.

d. Effective immediately, Soldiers who blatantly violate GO#1; its revisions in US Army Japan orders and Fragmentary Orders (FRAGOs); or any Isolation, Quarantine, or ROM instructions will be reported to me for issuance of a General Officer Memorandum of Reprimand (GOMOR).

e. Involvement of Military Police. Observation of any blatant violations or repeated noncompliance that could result in or already resulted in a hostile altercation (**either verbal or physical**) between personnel should be directed or reported to the Camp Zama Military Police at DSN: 263-3002 or commercial: 046-407-3002 or **if on Okinawa to the Military Police Desk at DSN: 644-4715**. We encourage community members to err on the side of reporting.

6. **UNIT COMMANDER RESPONSIBILITY.** Unit commanders shall ensure their personnel are briefed on the prohibitions and requirements of this order.

7. **WAIVERS AND AMENDMENTS.** Requests for waivers of any provision of this General Order must be submitted by the endorsing commander, through the chain of command to me for decision. Subordinate commanders may impose additional restrictions consistent with this General Order if necessary for good order and discipline but do not have the authority to unilaterally grant exceptions or exemptions

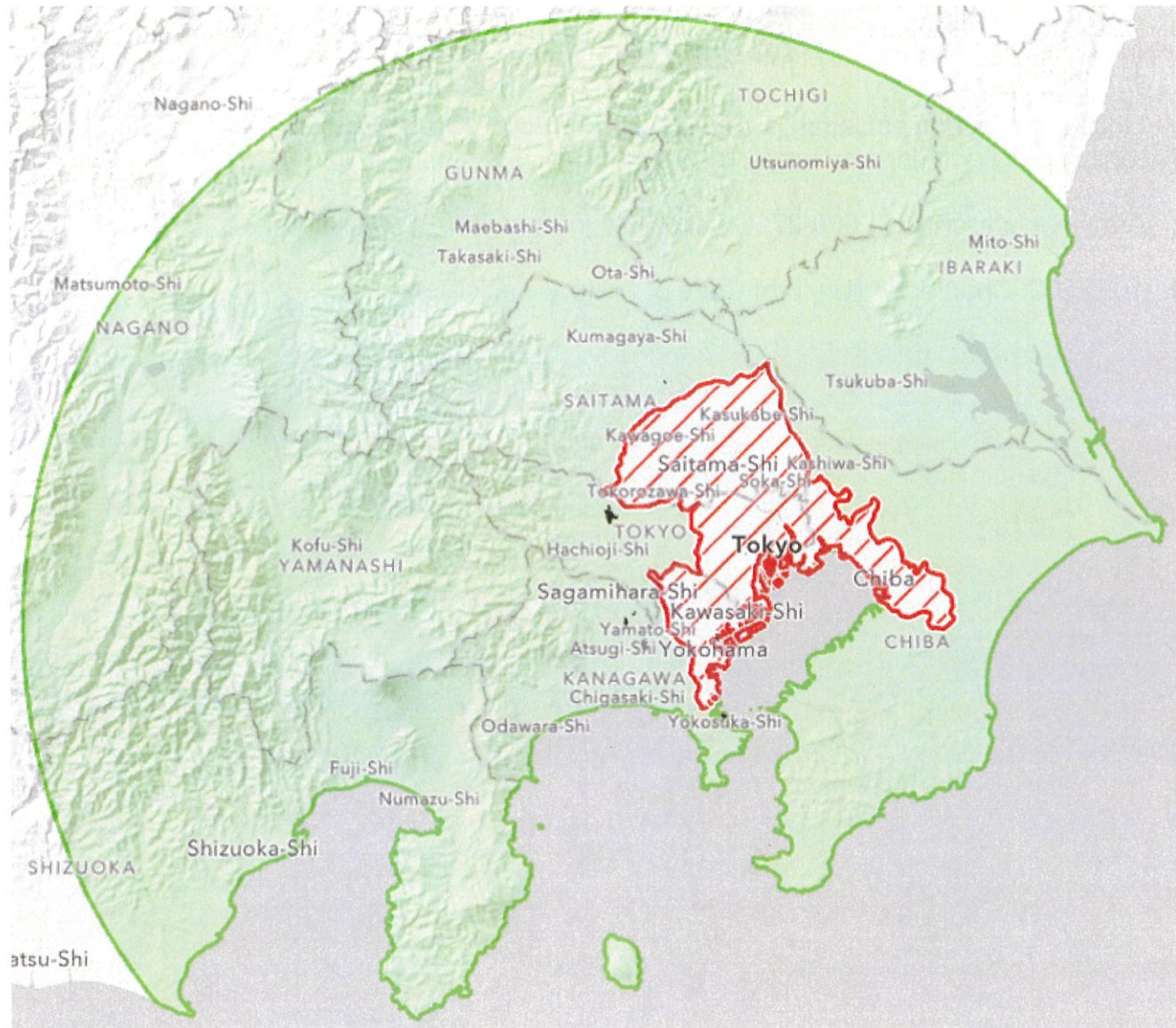
8. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This General Order is effective immediately. It will remain in effect until rescinded by me.

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VIET X. LUONG
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Commanding

Enclosure A

Personnel stationed in the Kanto Plain may travel within the green shaded area.



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Enclosure B

References.

- a. Department of Defense Instruction 6200.03, Public Health Emergency Management (PHEM) Within the DoD, 28 March 2019
- b. United States Forces Japan, Force Health Protection Order, 20-002, dated 10 June 2020, including amendments and FRAGOs
- c. Army Regulation (AR) 600-37, Unfavorable Information, 10 April 2018
- d. 10 U.S.C. Chapter 47 (Uniform Code of Military Justice).